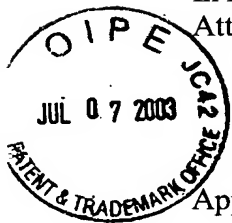


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Applicants : Naoto Hiramatsu et al.  
Filed : December 3, 2001  
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: Steel Strip Having Excellent Flatness  
: And Method of Manufacturing Same  
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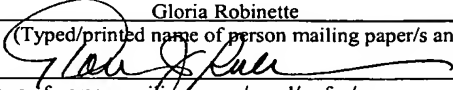
Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity Status is/has been asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.  
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.  
☒ No additional fee is required.  
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